In Our Image

Text—Gen. 1:26-27

Intro.

1. Reverse of that verse
   * + 1. Man creating God in their image
       2. Won’t say that out loud, but sentiment is there.
2. Justifying self
   * + 1. Paul, Act 26:9
       2. Jas. 1:26
       3. Prov. 16:25
       4. Ps. 50:16-19
3. Cast God’s words aside
4. Paul wrote—Rom. 1:21-23, 28
5. My God…
6. Doesn’t emphasize doctrine
   * + 1. Doesn’t matter…worship same God
       2. Jesus said, Mt. 16:18
       3. Paul, Eph. 4:5
       4. Paul, 1 Cor. 1:10; 4:6
       5. Co-worker in Garden center
          1. Jn. 14:6?
          2. End of discussion
       6. Jesus,
          1. Jn. 4:23-24
          2. Mt. 7:21-23
          3. Jn. 7:16-17
7. Wants me to use mechanical instruments
   * + 1. Blessed with a talent to play an instrument
          1. Should glorify God
          2. Perform in Church
       2. What about other talents?
          1. Welders?
          2. Bucking Broncos for Jesus?
          3. Aren’t they the same?
          4. Ludicrous but, essentially, the same thing.
       3. Doing what seems right—
          1. Jeroboam—1 Kg. 12:25-33
          2. OT used instruments, true, but also sacrifices. Should we do likewise?
          3. NT Authority—Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16
          4. What God wants—Jn. 4:24
8. Doesn’t want me to give up the “Fun things” in life
   * + 1. Alcohol, gambling, dancing, fornication, etc.—2 Tim. 3:4
       2. Are we boring? NO! Enjoy life in a Godly way.
          1. Works of the Flesh—Gal. 5:19-21 (vs. 21)

Mardi Gras—Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday (Fleshly)

Ash Wednesday (“Godly”)

* 1. Key Passage—Col. 3:5, vs. 1-4, 6, 9-10

1. Won’t send people to Hell (won’t send “good people” to Hell)
   * + 1. Hitler vs. Grandma
       2. Paul writes, Rom. 3:10
       3. Jesus, Jn. 3:16-17
       4. Compares self to others
          1. I’m good compared to neighbor, or that guy
          2. Paul—2 Cor. 10:12
          3. Key verse—Rom. 3:23
       5. What is considered good?
          1. Heb. 13:20-21
          2. Examples of “Good People” in bible

Rich Young Ruler—Mk. 10:17-22 (NO)

Cornelius—Acts 10 (YES)

* + - * 1. Grace will save me in spite of my sin?

Rom. 6:1-2

Rom. 5:20-21

Titus 2:11-12

1. Will save me without baptism
   1. Believe—Jn. 3:16 (vs. 14-16)
      1. People instructed what to do.
      2. Asking is not enough; Sinner’s Prayer
   2. Do something!
      1. Jesus—Mk. 16:16
      2. Peter—Acts 2:38
      3. Paul—Acts 22:16
   3. What about the thief?
      1. Wasn’t baptized.
      2. Wasn’t told to be.
      3. Under the Old Law
      4. We are commanded to be by Jesus
2. Conclusion

Jesus, Jn. 14:15

1 Peter 4:11

Acts 17:30-31

God created us; we did not create him!